The Government of West Bengal imposes cesses of coal at the rate of about 47% of the pithead price whereas the average royalty rate fixed in October, 1994 is about 14% of the present average base price of coal.

Prices of Coking and Non-Coking Coal

2766. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what have been grade-wise prices of coking and non-coking coal since 1995 for BCCL, for different ash ranges and Useful Heat Values;

(b) whether there is no consistency in prices fixed for different ash/UHV ranges;

(c) if so, why, and what is scientific basis for fixation of prices in such awkward manner;

(d) whether it is also a fact that for lower grades of coking non-coking coal ash/UHV ranges are relatively wide and there is price disadvantage for users of such grades; and

(e) if so, why and what measures are proposed to correct the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) The grade-wise ROM (Run of Mine) prices of coking and non-coking coal of BCCL since 1995 are given in the Statement *(see below)*.

(b) The prices per unit of heat value are not the same for all grades of coal. The prices are high for higher grades and low for lower grades.

(c) The criteria adopted for fixation of coal prices are as under:—

(i) In respect of non-coking coal, the prices are based on various grades from "A" to "G" depending on useful heat value.

(ii) In respect of coking coal the prices are based on ash percentage.

(iii) In respect of semi-coking coal, the prices are based on combined percentage of ash and moisture.

Coking coals and non-coking coals of grades "A" to "D" have been deregulated and price revisions are carried out by Coal India Limited. The price revisions are based on BICP formula which does not take into account the inherent coal characteristics but the escalation in prices of various inputs.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) A proposal to grade coal on the basis of gross calorific value with smaller ranges between two grades is under consideration of the Government.

Statement

List of Prices of coal of BCCL on Different Dates (Figures in Rs.)

Geade	Pithead Prices of Coal					
	As on	Dated	CIL's Notification			
	16.6.94	29.12.95	31.3.96	19.10.96	31.3.97	30.9.97
	ROM	ROM	ROM	ROM	ROM	ROM
Long flame Coal						
A	667.00	702.00	831.00	924.00	924.00	924.00
B	611.00	646.00	752.00	836.00	836.00	836.00
C	538.00	573.00	650.00	698.00	698.00	698.00
D	431.00	466.00	—	—	584.00	584.00

Grade	Pithead Price of Coal As on 16.6.94	Dated 29.12.95	CIL's Notification 31.3.96	19.10.96	31.3.97	30.9.97
Non Long flame Coal						
A	642.00	642.00	771.00	864.00	864.00	864.00
B	586.00	586.00	692.00	776.00	776.00	776.00
C	513.00	513.00	690.00	638.00	638.00	638.00
D	406.00	406.00	—	638.00	524.00	524.00
E	322.00	322.00	—	—	416.00	416.00
F	257.00	257.00	—	—	332.00	332.00
G	183.00	183.00	—	—	237.00	237.00
Coking Coal						
Steel Gr. I	1048.00	1048.00	1310.00	1468.00	1468.00	1541.00
Steel Gr. II.	875.00	875.00	1094.00	1226.00	1226.00	1287.00
Washery Gr. I	758.00	758.00	946.00	1062.00	1062.00	1115.00
Washery Gr. II	628.00	628.00	785.00	880.00	880.00	924.00
Washery Gr. III	483.00	483.00	580.00	650.00	650.00	883.00
Washery Gr. IV	450.00	450.00	540.00	605.00	605.00	835.00
Semi Coking Coal						
Gr. I	758.00	758.00	948.00	1024.00	1024.00	1075.00
Gr. II	628.00	628.00	785.00	848.00	848.00	990.00

उत्तर प्रदेश में जाजमऊ में चमड़ा उद्योग

2767. **श्री मनोहर कान्त ध्यानी:** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश के कानपुर नगर के जाजमऊ क्षेत्र में चमड़ा उद्योग के लिए अवसंरचना संबंधी सुविधाओं का विकास करने के लिए 860 करोड़ रुपये का प्रस्ताव सरकार के पास लंबित पड़ा है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा उनके मंत्रालय को इस विषय पर नियमित रूप से स्मरण-पत्र भेजे गये हैं;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उनके मंत्रालय द्वारा कब तक स्वीकृति दिये जाने की संभावना है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री रामकृष्ण हेगड़े): (क) से (घ) आकस्मिक बुनियादी सुविधा संतुलनकारी (सी०आई०बी०) योजना के अंतर्गत उत्तर प्रदेश शासन द्वारा उत्तर प्रदेश के जाजमऊ में बुनियादी सुविधाओं के विकास के लिए 10.09 करोड़ रुपए का एक परियोजना प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत किया गया था। उक्त प्रस्ताव पर सी आई बी योजना की शक्ति प्राप्त समिति द्वारा विचार किया गया था। समिति ने 3.50 करोड़ रुपए की लागत के उक्त परियोजना के विद्युत प्रणाली सुधार संघटक के लिए कोष की मंजूरी प्रदान की थी जिसमें से लागत के 50% भाग को सी आई बी योजना के अंतर्गत उपलब्ध किया जाना है।

राज्य सरकार को 1.25 करोड़ रुपए पहले ही जारी किए जा चुके हैं।

WTO Conference at Geneva

2768. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he represented the country in World Trade Organisation Conference held at Geneva, recently;

(b) if so, the details of the agenda discussed during the meet;

(c) whether India has demanded review of uruguay round deliberations during the meet;

(d) if so, what reaction Government got from the international community; and

(e) what is the status of uruguay round deliberations and to what extent he has reviewed the same as a home work before advising other countries?